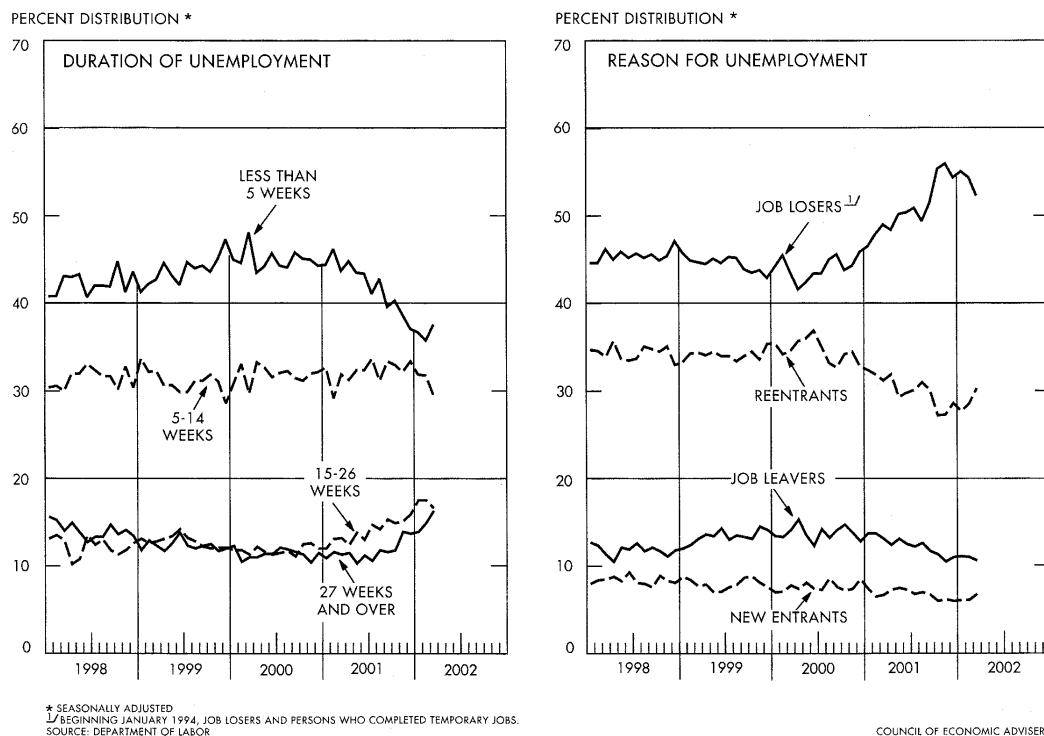


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In March, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 27 weeks and over rose; the percentages for 5-14 weeks and for 15-26 weeks fell. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 15.4 weeks and the median duration was unchanged at 8.1 weeks.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

| Period | Un-employment (thou- sands) | Duration of unemployment | | | | | | Reason for unemployment: percent distribution | | | | State programs | | Insured unem- ployment, all regular program (unadjust- ed) ² |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------|--|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| | | Percent distribution | | | | Number of weeks | | Job los- ers ¹ | Job leav- ers | Reen- trants | New en- trants | Insured unem- plov- ment | Initial claims | |
| | | Less than 5 weeks | 5-14 weeks | 15-26 weeks | 27 weeks and over | Aver- age (mean) | Median | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1992 | 9,613 | 35.1 | 29.4 | 15.1 | 20.3 | 17.7 | 8.7 | 56.1 | 10.4 | 23.8 | 9.7 | 3,245 | 408 | 3,348 |
| 1993 | 8,940 | 36.5 | 28.9 | 14.5 | 20.1 | 18.0 | 8.3 | 54.2 | 10.9 | 24.6 | 10.3 | 2,751 | 341 | 2,845 |
| 1994 ³ | 7,996 | 34.1 | 30.1 | 15.5 | 20.3 | 18.8 | 9.2 | 47.7 | 9.9 | 34.8 | 7.6 | 2,670 | 340 | 2,739 |
| 1995 | 7,404 | 36.5 | 31.6 | 14.6 | 17.3 | 16.6 | 8.3 | 46.9 | 11.1 | 34.1 | 7.8 | 2,572 | 357 | 2,633 |
| 1996 | 7,236 | 36.4 | 31.6 | 14.6 | 17.4 | 16.7 | 8.3 | 46.6 | 10.7 | 34.7 | 8.0 | 2,595 | 356 | 2,650 |
| 1997 | 6,739 | 37.7 | 31.7 | 14.8 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 8.0 | 45.1 | 11.8 | 34.7 | 8.4 | 2,323 | 323 | 2,366 |
| 1998 | 6,210 | 42.2 | 31.4 | 12.3 | 14.1 | 14.5 | 6.7 | 45.5 | 11.8 | 34.3 | 8.4 | 2,222 | 321 | 2,257 |
| 1999 | 5,880 | 43.7 | 31.2 | 12.8 | 12.3 | 13.4 | 6.4 | 44.6 | 13.3 | 34.1 | 8.0 | 2,188 | 298 | 2,219 |
| 2000 | 5,655 | 45.0 | 31.9 | 11.8 | 11.4 | 12.6 | 5.9 | 44.1 | 13.7 | 34.6 | 7.6 | 2,110 | 301 | 2,141 |
| 2001 | 6,742 | 42.0 | 32.1 | 14.1 | 11.8 | 13.2 | 6.8 | 50.8 | 12.3 | 30.1 | 6.7 | 2,972 | 404 | 3,005 |
| 2001: Mar | 6,061 | 43.7 | 31.9 | 13.2 | 11.3 | 12.8 | 6.4 | 49.0 | 13.1 | 31.2 | 6.7 | 2,505 | 378 | 2,829 |
| Apr | 6,310 | 44.8 | 31.3 | 12.4 | 11.5 | 12.6 | 6.0 | 48.4 | 12.4 | 31.9 | 7.3 | 2,636 | 405 | 2,966 |
| May | 6,210 | 43.5 | 32.4 | 13.8 | 10.3 | 12.4 | 6.4 | 50.2 | 13.1 | 29.3 | 7.5 | 2,825 | 409 | 2,534 |
| June | 6,465 | 43.4 | 32.4 | 13.0 | 11.2 | 12.9 | 6.3 | 50.4 | 12.5 | 29.8 | 7.3 | 2,995 | 410 | 2,644 |
| July | 6,545 | 41.1 | 33.7 | 14.7 | 10.6 | 12.7 | 6.7 | 50.9 | 12.2 | 30.1 | 6.8 | 3,058 | 395 | 3,171 |
| Aug | 6,972 | 42.8 | 31.2 | 14.2 | 11.8 | 13.2 | 6.6 | 49.4 | 12.6 | 31.0 | 7.0 | 3,188 | 398 | 2,727 |
| Sept | 7,064 | 39.6 | 33.4 | 15.3 | 11.6 | 13.3 | 7.3 | 51.5 | 11.7 | 30.1 | 6.7 | 3,345 | 455 | 2,853 |
| Oct | 7,665 | 40.3 | 33.0 | 14.9 | 11.8 | 13.0 | 7.4 | 55.4 | 11.3 | 27.2 | 6.0 | 3,676 | 490 | 3,026 |
| Nov | 8,026 | 38.7 | 32.2 | 15.1 | 13.9 | 14.4 | 7.6 | 56.0 | 10.5 | 27.3 | 6.2 | 3,747 | 461 | 3,138 |
| Dec | 8,259 | 37.1 | 33.4 | 15.9 | 13.7 | 14.5 | 8.2 | 54.4 | 11.0 | 28.6 | 6.0 | 3,637 | 410 | 3,940 |
| 2002: Jan | 7,922 | 36.7 | 31.9 | 17.5 | 13.9 | 14.6 | 8.8 | 55.1 | 11.1 | 27.7 | 6.1 | 3,440 | 385 | 4,313 |
| Feb | 7,891 | 35.8 | 31.8 | 17.5 | 14.9 | 15.0 | 8.1 | 54.4 | 11.0 | 28.5 | 6.1 | 3,432 | 374 | 4,300 |
| Mar | 8,111 | 37.6 | 29.5 | 16.6 | 16.3 | 15.4 | 8.1 | 52.3 | 10.6 | 30.3 | 6.8 | | 403 | |

¹ Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

² Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), ex-servicemen (UCX), and Federal (UCPE). Railroad (RR) programs included through 1993. Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

³ Data beginning January 1994 are not directly comparable with data for earlier periods.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).